YET. ALBANY, Feb. 29.—The House took unexpected action to-day on the bill of Mr. Watts in relation to the salaries of New-York officials. The bill, as reported by Mr. Fish from the Committee on Cities, reduced salaries about 25 per cent on the average, and in one case, that of the aldermen, 50 per cent; and last evening, Mr. Graff of New-York offered amendments making still further reductions, not on any ascertainable system. These the House treated with playful attention, as most of Mr. Graff's propositions are treated, and bandied them about for an hour or two from parliamentary battledore to parliamentary shuttlecock until the House adjourned. This morning they came up in Committee of the Whole, and after they had been debated with considerable vigor, were adopted, to the general astonishment and much to the chagrin of Speaker Husted and Mr. Strahan, who had alone opposed them. The bill, as ordered to a third reading, reduces the salaries as follows, the first figure being that named in the printed bill and not the

seing that named in the parameter of the present actual salary:

Mayor and Controller, from \$10,000 to \$8,000; Commissioner of Public Works, \$8,000 to \$6,000; Corporation Counsel, \$10,000 to \$8,000, all legal costs collected by him to be paid into the Treasury of the city; President of the Board of Police, \$7,000 to \$6,000; Commissioners of Police other than the President, \$6,000 to \$5,000 each; President of the Department of Parks, \$5,000 (unchanged); Commissioners of Parks other nothing; President of the \$5,000 each; President of the Department of Parks, \$5,500 (unchanged); Commissioners of Parks other than the President, nothing; President of the Fire Department, \$6,000 to \$5,000; Fire Commissioners other than the President, \$5,000 to \$4,000; President of the Department of Charities and Correction, \$5,500 to \$4,500, and Commissioners other than the President, \$4,500 to \$4,500, and Commissioners other than the President, \$4,500 to \$4,500, and Commission, ers other than the President, \$4,500 to \$4,500, and Commission, \$2,000; President of the Board of Aldermen, \$2,000; President of the Board of Aldermen, \$2,000; President of the Board of Alderment, \$2,000; President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, \$5,500 to \$5,000, and Commissioners other than the President, \$4,500 to \$4,000; President of the Department of Decks, \$5,500 to \$4,500; President of the Department of Buildings, \$4,000 to \$3,000; Commissioner of Accounts, \$2,500 to \$2,000; Justices of the District Courts, \$5,000 to \$4,600.

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An amendment offered by Mr. Foster and adopted last night, reduces the Departments of Fire, Health, Docks, Charities, and Taxes to a single Commissioner on the expiration of the terms of the present Commissions, and provides that the present President of each of them shall remain in office until his successor is appointed. The debate was begun with a most preposterous

speech from Mr. Strahan, who said that the salary of \$10,000 for the Corporation Counsel which Mr. Graff proposed still further to reduce, would not pay the house rent of a respectable lawyer in a respectable neighborhood. Ten thousand dollars was a mere pittance to a New-York lawyer of any standing. Did the House suppose they could secure the services of a proper lawyer for a sum (\$10,000) which "over and over again" he (Mr. Strahan) bad received as retaining fee in single cases? The incomes of all New-York lawyers ran up to \$25,000, \$30,000, \$50,000, yes, \$70,000 a year. Poor a lawyer as he was, he would not accept the position at \$8,000 or \$10,000. Some of Mr. Strahan's utterances made a nearer approach to sanity. He opposed putting a premium upon incompetency and making important offices utterly undesirable to competent men. He predicted that the bill would be killed by the amendments, and charged that Mr. Graff had made them with this intention. Mr. Forster followed briefly, with a caustic reference to "lawyers with one-half the years of Charles O'Conor and a much smaller fraction of his experience," while Speaker Husted decribed the amendments as being without rhyme or reason, directing attention especially to the fact that under the bill as amended the Corporation Counsel would receive only \$8,000, while the District-Attorney, with one-third as much responsibility, was receiving \$12,000, with costs. This was reform run

The amendments were adopted by a rising vote of 51 to 27, most of the negative votes coming from Democrats, and the bill was ordered to a third reading without opposition. Speaker Husted expects to see the Democrats defeat the bill on its final passage, and it will be at least a matter for surprise if the bill should finally go through the Assembly.

THE CANAL INVESTIGATION. A LONG REPORT COMING FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE-ABOLITION OF CANAL APPRAISERS TO BE ADVISED-A COURT OF CLAIMS, AND A

SINGLE HEAD TO THE CANALS. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

ALBANY, Feb 29 .- The Joint Legislative Committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Canals, met to-day and agreed upon their report, which will probably not be presented to the Legislature until next week, as several days will be required to get it into printed form. The report is very long and elaborate, and will make a number of specific recommendations in regard to both the great sources of frauds-the contract system and that of mittee are of greater interest, inasmuch as they achieved much better results than in the investigation of contracts, which was moreover thoroughly explored by the Canal Commission. The Committee will describe in detail certain cases of alleged excess in awards, as illustrations of the system, but will condemn or vindicate no one by name. They will recommend the abolition of the Board of Canal Appraisers, and the creation of a Court of Claims which shall hear all claims against the State, including those arising from the canals. Senator Cole and Mr. Fauikner, the heads of the two branches of the Committee, will introduce simultaneously a bill providing for the formation of this Court by the appointment by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, of three judges, to serve ten years and to receive an annual

The report will contain a large array of tables, showing the amount of claims made against the State under the system of appraisers, and the awards and the fees paid to counsel for the State, which the Committee find to have been very large. They will also exhibit the cost and income of the canals, showing that with the exception of the laterals, they have paid for themselves. They make no recom mendation with reference to the laterals, as that subject is not within the jurisdiction of the Com-

With reference to the government of the canals, the Committee will recommend to adoption by the people of the constitutional amendment providing for a single head to the canals, and will also advise the transfer of the power of appoinment of engineers absolutely to the Engineer Department. They will recommend additional safeguards in the letting of contracts, requiring all estimates to be by actual measurements, and to show the actual amount of work to be done, and requiring the contract to be let for a specific amount of work and not for an undetermined quantity, as has been the system.

ALBANY NOTES.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 29, 1876. Mr. Bradley's bill relative to corporations provides that any number of persons, not less than four, may form a joint stock company for the carrying on of any legiti-mate business other than railroads, banking, insurance, or trust and loan companies.

Mr. Watts of New-York will shortly introduce a bill ontinuing the office of Excise Commissioners and changng the license fees, which now run from \$30 to \$35, to 50 and \$100 excise. Commissioner Steiner is here in schalf of the bill. The Assembly Committee on Apportant meet to-morrow for the first time.

. LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

MONEY ASKED FOR TO CONTINUE THE OYSTER BED SUITS - BILLS TO REGULATE PAWNBROKERS AND SALOON-KEEPERS-BROOKLYN PUBLIC BATH BILL PASSED-THE ASSEMBLY ADVANCES THE NEW-YORK SALARY BILL TO A THIRD READING. SENATE ... ALBANY, Feb. 29, 1876.

Mr. ROBERTSON presented a petition of G. W. Rick and ethers of Westchester for compensation for property taken by virtue of the American sol.

Also from the State Attorney-General, relative to the sub-against persons taking systems from beds claimed

by Connecticut. He recommends that \$1,000 be appropriated to continue the suit.

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By Mr. KENNADAY—Relative to street openings in

By Mr. RENADAL—Related Brooklyn Brooklyn By Mr. PRINCE—Providing that wharfage in New-York and Erooklyn for oyster boats and barges shall be the same as for other vessels.

Also, relative to appeals in highway cases.

THE ASSEMBLY. In the Assembly to-day the following bills

were passed:
Amending the charter of the village of Hornellsville. Extending the time for collecting taxes in Cattaraugus County.

sidered in Committee of the Whole. The first was the bill reducing and fixing salaries of New-York City officials. The question was on Mr. Peabody's motion, as amended by Mr. Graff has night, fixing the salaries in detail at a reduction of about \$1,000 on each. The amendment was adouted.

Mr. KILLIAN moved that at the expiration of the term f office of the present Controller no salary be attached Mr. Fallon moved to make the salary \$7,000 instead

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Mr. Forster said the members of the Bar of New-York Mr. Forster said the members of the Bar of New 107s are governed by mercenary motives in accepting public offices. The judges of the Court of Appeals, gentlemen of large and lucrative practice, take a position on the bench of that court at \$9,000. It is not advisable to pay a man of far less years and experience more than those believes.

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Speaker HUSTED wanted to show how lawyers are paid in New-York. There was one case where an associate counsel had presented a bill for \$120,000 in a single case, and it the Corporation Counsel had certified to it the city would have had to pay it. One hundred and twenty thousand dollars in one case, and you ask a man to serve a whole year for \$8,000. He agreed with the gentleman from New-York (Mr. Strahan) that to these hig and responsible offices proper salaries ought to be attached.

Mr. Strahan's motion was modified so as to reconsider the vote reducing the Corporation Counsel's salary from \$1,0,000 to \$8,000, and it was rejected.

Mr. FALLON moved to make the salary of Aldermen \$3,000 instead of \$2,000. Lost.

Mr. BETTS moved that the salary of Aldermen take effect at the expiration of the term of the present incumbents. Lost.

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The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

The Committee passed to a third reading.

The Committee passed to a third reading the bill granting to the United States the right to acquire right of way necessary for the improvement of Harlem River and Spayten Duyvil Creek.

The following bills were also passed to a third reading: Amending the act annexing the Towns of West Farms, Morrisania, and Kingsbridge to the City of New-York; to amend the act providing for the improvement of Concordave. by the Prospect Park Commissioners of Brooklyn.

THE SIX MILLION SUIT.

GOV. TILDEN CROSS-EXAMINED.

CONNOLLY'S RETIREMENT IN FAVOR OF ANDREW H. GREEN-THE DEPOSIT TICKETS AND ACCOUNTS AGAIN SCRUTINIZED-WHAT TWEED PAID FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES-HIS PLACE IN THE PHILA-DELPHIA CONVENTION-THE ALLEGED BRIBERY IN 1871-CLOSE OF THE PLAINTIFF'S CASE.

The court-room in which the trial of the six millions suit against Tweed is carried on before Judge Westbrook was sgain crowded yesterday before the retestimony was closed there was a marked diminution of the audience. The afternoon session was almost entirely occupied with mere matters of detail as to figures by other witnesses.

At the opening of the court John W. Ables was called to prove some entries in the books of the Broadway Bank, but his examination was brief, and Gov. Tilden then took the stand. Mr. Field called his attention to two briefs used in the previous suit, which the Governor recognized, one being his own brief, and to the acts of May 4, 1872, md May, 1873.

Mr. Field then asked: Do you remember any negotia

tion with Mr. Connelly to induce him to resign 1 A. Mr. Connelly's resignation was without any negotiations; I think, however, he was influenced by my advice; there was no bargaining; he resigned at the first interview the word negotiation is an equivocal one, and I cannot say there was any negotiation; that would convey false impression; I was not Mr. Connolly's legal adviser; a few days before this Mr. Connolly had applied for an interview; I consented to it; he came next day in a state of great agitation and asked my advice. I told him I was not his legal adviser, but he had better resign. He accepted the advice. Two days later be came with his counsel, Wm. A. Beach and Samuel G. Courtney. I had meanwhile hunted up the law as to his deputing his office, and at that interview pressed on him to depute his office to Mr. Green. He did eo. There was no bargain or arrangement; I pressed on him the duty of esteration to the city at the same time; Mr. Havemeyer was there at that time. Nothing was said about suits and proceedings against Connolly; I never asked Mr. Tweed to resign and appoint another in his place; I had no interview with him on the subject; I drew a bill, which Gov. Hoffman vetoed, to reach these

Q. After the power of this party pass d away was there any effort, public or private, to prosecute any member of the Legislature of 1870 for bribery ! A. It was impossible to get proof of the bribery. I am not aware of any effort being made. I am aware of the act of 1875. I did not request the Attorney-General to procoed in this suit. I had no power to authorize the employment of counsel. Mr. Peckham did consult me about employing Mr. Carter. I have not directed proceedings against Connolly. I call the Court's attention to the fact that under this law the Governor's requests must be in writing. I have made no written requests under it in respect to the frauds in New-York City. I have made many in relation to canal frauds. 1 canal appraisors awards. With reference may have expressed surprise at Connolly's arrest when to the latter, the findings of the Comit took place, for I did not expect it, but I did not say he it took place, for I did not expect it, but I did not say he was in my charge. Under the law of 1875 I have thought Mr. O'Conor quite competent to attend to this matter, and have not advised about it.

Q. Shortly after this suit was brought, did you not no tice a furious and malignant attack on the Court of Appeals ?

Mr. Carter objected to this question, and Mr. Field argued at length that this being a case for damages, he had a right to show the motive of those pressing it, and-he did not mean to include Gov. Tilden-that those attack on the Court of Appeals to intimidate that Court. Judge Westbrook excluded the question, and to further cross-examination the witness said:

Ingersoil was pardoned by me; I do not know that any application has been made to see the papers on which I acted; I am not advised that Ingersoil was required to pay back a dollar to the County of New-York; I did not require lim to.

ay back a dollar to the County of New-York; I are not require him to.

Going back to the schedule, it does not include all the deposit tickets. There were 37 deposit tickets for Tweed. I think nine were in his handwriting; of those nine I don't think any are included in this table; I would not like to say that very positively, but my impression is that these in the schedule were all in the handwriting, said to be E. A. Woodward's; I became quite familiar in these investigations with what was said to be his handwriting. I don't know his handwriting otherwise. Tals table does not contain all the debits and credits in the accounts of these men. There were very lew other deposit items in Woodward's accounts, a great many others in Garvey's accounts, and some others in lingersoil's accounts.

tew other deposit items in Woodward's accounts, a great many others in Garvey's accounts, and some others in Ingersoll's deposits passed, or a percentage of them, to Woodward's account! A. Take May 13; there is in Ingersoll's deposit a warrant to Geo. S. Miler for \$18,902.22, and a warrant to C. D. Bollar & Co. for \$89,379. Against the first is a check for \$25,842.47, being about 66 per cent, and nazinst the second is a check of \$38,623.11, being about 42 per cent; both these checks appear as deposited by Woodward. The four items in Ingersoll's deposit of May 7 toot up about \$152,000, and the two checks drawn by him and deposited by Woodward for the foreign state of \$38,623.11, being about 50 per cent, but that is merely con using by averages, two percentages of 42 and 66 per cent. I said Tweed got 24 per cent of the face of the warrants. Of these two entries on the 13th, for instance, one is for \$38,902.22. Tweed's deposit that day is \$9,329.539, just about 24.25 per cent. On the other item of \$89,579, nothing appears in Tweed's account. I can give an explanation if you desire it. Whenever Ingersoll paid Woodward 66 per cent, the 24 per cent of Tweed appears in his account; whenever he paid Woodward only 42 per cent, tweed's 24 per cent does not appear in this bank account, but is traced to him elsewhere. This \$89,379 is one of the 42 per cent tlems.

one of the 42 per cent items. Gov. Tilden here gave the contents of the deposit tickets of Tweed not contained on the schedule. In tak-ing his own memoranda from the deposit tickets he had taken pains to note all deposits whether they were in currency or of notes discounted, and all not so noted were in checks. In the same way he stated some other deposits of others than Tweed not mentioned in the

schedule and continued: TWEED'S POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

To Mr. Carter-I never received any other check from Mr. Tweed than the \$5,000 check which has been shown me so far as I know, and since yesterday I have looked the matter up. I find no trace of any such check on my accounts. Indeed I did not dieectly receive this check; accounts. Indeed I did not dieectly receive this check; it was given to the sub-committee of the State Committee as a contribution from Tweed of \$2,500 and from Sweeny of \$2,500. On the other hand there was a charge of \$1,000 for the biography of Hofman and Beach and some other charges, and to that extent it was no contribution to the State Committee. I ought to add that I did also receive a check for \$500 from Sweeny, \$250 of which I understood was on Mr. Tweed's account. As late as 1807 Tweed was reputed to be insolvent. Up to that time the ctate Committee received no contributions from him and very little afterward. This first letter to Tweed to which my attention was called yesterday, is, I think, in relation to the Convention at Philadelphia—the Jehnson Convention. Mr.

Richmond, the Chairman of the State Committee, was lying sick at my house—he died there soon afterward—and had given some function to Mr. Tweed about this Philadelphia Convention, and this letter I think relates to that I was not then in public life nor on any committee, but unexpectedly I found myself a delegate to this Convention, and as the letter announces went on; not with Mr. Tweed. The second letter relates to the National Convention of 1868, which some parties wanted held in New-York, and this letter notifies him when the National Committee will meet on that subject. The third letter relates to a worthy man whom I had known twenty years, who had fallen into poverty, and his necessities induced me to deviate from my practice of not recommending any one for office. I had no relations with Mr. Tweed which should make this recommendation influential with him, and I may add that he was not appointed.

I never had any personal or malignant feeling against Tweed. What I did in 1871, and before and since, was with a single sense of public duty. I took the chairmanship of the State Democratic Committee in 1866 largely to keep that class of men out of control of the party. They were not then known to have committed fraud, but they were not they honey men, and I distrusted them.

Hufus F. Andrews I understood to be in some sort Connolly's personal counsel. His only relations to me and those acting with me were in that sense.

THE BRIBERY AT ALBANY.

I was never aware of any means of proving bribery of the legislators of 1871. I have been misrepresented a little as to what I said in relation to that. I did not say there was bribery, but that it was popularly supposed so. I did not know the fact of my own knowledge, and the largest sum named as so expended i supposed to be an exaggeration. Thomas C. Fields was indicted for bribery, but in answering Mr. Field yesterday, I supposed his question related only to bribery in procuring the charter. Fields was indicted about a different matter. When I went to the Assembly in 1872 I introduced two bills; one to regulate the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and one a general bill of remedies somewhat like that passed last year. I had found in the prosecution of these proceedings difficulties in the Courts and difficulties in the laws. I took a large share in the efforts to expel corrupt judges, partly because it seemed impossible to obtai justice in criminal proceedings, partly because the largest corporation in the United States was about to abandon the city owing to the perversion of justice. ersion of justice.
To Mr. Field-I understood Tweed was insolvent in

1866 or 1867.
Q. Didn't you think in 1868 that \$5,000 was a large sum for him to contribute! A. I didn't say he contributed \$5,000; he contributed \$2,500, and Sweeny \$2,500; that even was a large sum if he paid it out of his own funds.

Q. If it was not his own you would not take it of course 1 A. Why not, if he collected it among those employed in his department i we never had anything else from them. Q. In this Johnson Convention you stood shoulder to

shoulder with him in defense of constitutional principles A. Yes, Sir, according to the best of my abilities, and you, Mr. Field, were there, I believe.

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Mr. Field—Oh no.
Gov. Tilden—But you sympathized with it!
Mr. Field—Very much. I wish you had succeeded.
Gov. Tilden—We were too early.
Mr. Field—And then we would have had good Presidents, good Governore, and good officers generally, as we

have now.

Q. Did you make any effort to search out this bribe v
of the Legislature 1. A. I made reasonable inquiry, but i
never have been in a position to get proof of it that could
be used; the legislation designed to reach these cases
has not been retrospective in a legal or constitutional
sense; the extension of the time in which the statute of imitations runs seems to me still too short for this class of offenses; I think these great public crimes should be vigor usly pursued and punished.

This closed the Governor's examination, and the court

After recess Mr. Kennard of the firm of J. O. Seymour get out of complications he had voluntarily relinquished

James IL ingersell was recalled to show that he had James H. Ingersoll was recalled to show that he had large dealings with Tweed and others not included in the schedule proved by Gov. Tilden.

At the hour for adjournment Mr. Field rose and said he understood this was the last witness for the prosecution. He had intended to make an elaborate argument, and then move to dismiss on the ground that the plaintiffs had not maintained their case, but if counsel would consent he would make a pro-forma motion to dismiss, and let it be overruded pro-forma. This was agreed to, and the court adjourned.

ECHOES OF THE COUNCIL.

EXPRESSIONS FROM DELEGATES

OPINIONS OF CLEVELAND CLERGYMEN-VIRULENCE OF THE OPPOSITION TO MR. BEECHER-MR BOWEN'S STATEMENT CASTING NO REAL STAIN ON HIM-SENTIMENTS OF TWO NEW-ENGLAND DELEGATES.

The return to their homes of delegates to the late Advisory Council in Brooklyn has caused a ripple of of Feb. 28 published an interview with Dr. Twitchell of the Euclid Avenue Church, and extracts from a sermon on the subject by the Rev. S. H. Lee of the Detroit Street

things, said:

Concerning the statement of Mr. Bowen, while he did
not feel at liberty to reveal its contents, he would say
that it contained nothing whatever that was new, or
that touched the "bottom facts," so long threatened by
Mr. Bowen. He heard it read, but failed to hear a thing
that was new, or which east any stain upon Mr. Beecher.
It was merely a recital and-rehash of matters that came
out in the great court trial. Mr. Beecher and his friends
refrarded it as of little weight, and were in no way disconcerted at its amerance, but on the other sand tiev regarded it as of little weight, and were in no way dis-concerted at its appearance, but on the other oand they wanted nothing better for their case. He was present at the Rev. Halliday's house on the night the statement of Mr. Epwen was read, and witnessed the scene which occurred there. He said that the locking of the door by 8. V. White was done in a mischievous manner, and was not with any intent of forcibly detaining Mr. Bowen. The members of the Plymouth Committee stated that they wisned him to remain, as teey desired to ask him some questions, but he appeared to be in a burry, and passed out at the rear parior door without any interrup-tion.

in Brooklyn he found the churches and citizens greatly in sympathy with the persecuted pastor and courch. He had been told also that Mrs. Moulton would shortly join Dr. Storr's c. urch.

The Rev. Mr. Lee's sermon was preached from the text, "Hear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," and the subject amounced was, "Facts and im pressions from the Advisory Council." He said in part:

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Of the 245 delegates about 75 came there with the conviction that Mr. Beecher was guilty of the charges in de against him. In making the selection of ministers, there who had branifestly declared their convictions of brecher's guilt were omitted from the call. It had been charged that the touncil was a packed body. This idea the speaker referred to as almost unworthy of consideration. He scoffed at the thought that such men as composed the Council could be looked upon as men who would make a partial and unfair investigation of the case before them. However, many of them were Beccher's friends, but who should a man in trouble look to for advice but his friends! It was referred to as a body of whitewashers, and on arriving in Brooklyn they had been asked for their pais and brushes; but, as Dr. Startevant remarked, before they got through it was a poor set of whitewashers.

Concerning Mr. Shearman he said that that gentleman had been grossly merepresented and maligned. He was a conscientious, noble-hearted Christian gentleman, Much injury had been done him by alternyte to injure Beecher. The church had asked for a full investigation and Shearman had added, "Let it be final." There was no unwillingness on the part of the caunch to keep back anything. Never before going to Brooklyn had ne any conception of toe trememous conspiracy of forces placed against Mr. Beecher. He doubted whether Mr. Beecher would ever live to see the last of the affair. There was no unwillingness on the part of the caunch to keep back anything. Never before going to Brooklyn had ne any conception of the trememous conspiracy of forces placed many of the old-school theologicans who opposed him and seemed to be fixed against this man. No living man ever had so many minds opposed to him. Every newspaper and person with a low moral tone had taken up the opposition to the man. The press dogged and hady and reporters were acted has every st

The Rev. Mr. Wright of the Berkeley Street Church,

Boston, said in his morning sermon last Sunday: Boston, said in his morning sermon last Sunday:

It is time that this terrible evil which is contaminating the homes and families and churches throughout the country should be stamped out. Men came to that Council win opinions that differed perhaps in many things except one, and that was a determination to probe the whole trouble. The Council did not advise a reinvestigation, but it provided an impartal tribunal with the selection of when Plymouth Caurch did not have one word to say, and the duty of that commission was to hear any man who might make a charge against the paster of Plymouth Caurch and have the courage to stand behind it.

The Rev. Mr. Barrows of the Kirk Street Church, Lowell, made his report as delegate to the Advisory Conneil, before a large congregation last sunday even ing. Special reference was made to the scene at Mr. Halliday's, where Mr. Barrows was present. He declared Mr. Bowen's statement to be absolutely null as to evidence against Mr. Beecher; that the locking of the door was a mere burlesque, and that Mr. Bowen was making

PLYMOUTH CHURCH AND MR. BOWEN.

Plymouth Church, in excluding the public from the special business meeting this evening to consider Mr. Bowen's case, has no aim at secrecy, but only to give church members an opportunity to be present at their own meeting. A limited number of tickets will be issued to the press. Not much confidence is expressed in the appearance of Mr. Bowen before the church. It is expected that Mr. Bowen will send a written communica-

HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER, YESTERDAY, AT BUDNUTS IN BROADWAY.

9 s. m., 27°. Noon, 31°. 3 s. m., 35°. Midnight, 28°.

Bighest during the day, 35°. Lowest, 26°.

Average, 29°2°. Same day, 1875, 15°.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

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Gilsey House—Sir Alexander T. Galt of Montreal and Adolph Sutro of Nevada. ... Hoffman House—John King, Jr., Vice. President of the Baltimore and Ohio Haliford Company, and Gen. Adam E. King, Naval Officer at Baltimore... pany, and Gen. Adam E. King, Naval Officer at Baltimore... print Acenue Hotel—James F. Joy, President of the Michigan Central Raliroad Company; ex Gov. Area of the Michigan Goldard of Rhode Island. ... Albemarle Hotel—Congressman John O. Whitehouse of Poughkeepsie... Sturtesant House—Col. William B. Royall, U. S. Army. ... M. McCullough, Vice. President of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Raliroad Company, and ex-Gov. J. B. Page of Vermont. ... Metropolitan Hotel—Hon. Devitt C. Lattlejohn and Damel G. Fort of Oswego, N. Y. ... Westmoreiand Hotel—The Hon. Davitt C. Lattlejohn and Damel G. Fort of Oswego, N. Y. ... Westmoreiand Hotel—The Hon. James S. Pike of Maine. ... Brecont House—A. J. Cassatt, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Raliroad Company, and John F. Seymour of Utics.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Last week there were 18 women received at the Lunatic Asylum on Blackwell's Island, and 11 men at the asylum on Ward's Island.

Mayor Wickham was prevented by sickness yesterday from coming to the City Hall, and President Lewis of the Board of Aldermen acted as Mayor.

The only arrivals at Castle Garden yesterday were the steamships Republic, from Liverpool, with 156, and the Hermann, from Bremen, with 160 passengers. Capts. Caffrey of the Fifth, and Clinchy of

the Thirteenth Precincts, were last night examined at the Police Central Office as to their knowledge of their The foreign mail yesterday was carried out by the steamships City of Mexico, Cleopatra, Idaho, and P. Caland. There were 38,117 letters and 48 bags of

Rose Munsell, who it was supposed had been a victim of malpractice, is now known to have died

from natural causes. The investigation has removed every stain upon her memory. The Board of Apportionment yesterday authorized the issue of additional croton water stock to the amount of \$25,000, and an equal amount of bonds for liquidation of claims and judgments.

During the week ending Feb. 26 there were 39 prisoners—33 males and 6 females—received at the Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island. Between March 4 and March 11 there will be 49 discharged.

Lorenzo Delmonico has leased the building at Nos. 112 and 114 Broadway, and will begin business there as soon after May 1 as he conveniently can, has also taken the Dodworth building, at Firth-ave. Tw-nty-sixth-st.

The Yorkville Court-room is in a most unomfortable condition, owing, it is said, to the neglect of the D partment of Works to furnish a proper requisi for coal. The room has not been warmed in consequ-for several days.

Yesterday afternoon Anna Mabie of No. 5 Bethune-st., received a shot in the forehead from the explosion of a pistol-cartridge which had been places the street car track in Greenwich-st. It is not know who placed the missile on the track. The Committee of five appointed at a meet-

ing of Irish societies to make arrangements for the parade on St. Patrick's Day, announce that more than two tairds of the Irish societies of the city will turn out Some of the Catholic Tem erance Societies have declined The health report for the past weeks shows

the average number of inspections of nuisances, fumi-gations, and dangerous places are add to. Among the cases of contagious diseases reported, the larger number are of diphtheria, 135; measles, 64; small-pox, 54, and scarief fever, 54. The Commissioners of Charities and Correc-

tion are exercising the strictest vigilance in regard to the delivery of coal to the out-door poor, seeing that it is give only to those really needing it, and also that those to whom coal is sent get an honest half ton, without loss in transcort. (100). Col. Frank E. Howe, Supervising Special

Agent of the Treasury in this city, who was relieved some time ago by Secretary Bristow, but reinstated in order that he might close up his affairs, will retire from office to-day and will be succeeded by Special Agent Moses H. Hale of Massachusetts. To-day is a momentous one among members of church choirs, as they will know before night positively what changes, if any, are to be made in their engagements. Changes are anticipated among the organists and choirs of St. John's Cauren, St. Andrew's, Christ Church, Dr. Hall's, and the Broadway Tabernacle.

According to the most recent returns at the office of the Board of Health, the annual rate of mortality in every 1,000 persons of the estimated or enumerated population of New-York is 28.76; Brooklyn 24 48; Philadelphia, 26; Chicago, 16.04; Boston, 29.68 Baltimo e, 26.45; Richmond, 20.37; 8t. Louis, 17.06 Cincinnati, 34.39; Nashville, 14.07.

A company of New-York gentlemen have leased a large lot adjoining the grounds of he Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, and will erect thereon a temporary hotel with accommodations for 1,000 guests. The structure will consist of a frame binkling with a canvas tructure will consist of a frame building wood. It is especially intended for the account operaties and military and other organizations The Direct United States Cable Company

furnished the following information yesterday regarding the progress of the work of spileing the Direct Cable.
"The Faraday arrived on the ground yesterday and picked up both ends of the cable, which she has buoyed alose together, and is now waiting for favorable weather to make the final spilee." At the foot of West Eleventh-st, there is a

piers, which run out into the river, their ends approach ing for 100 yards, forming a triangular space, into which a schooner can only just enter. Oystermen have taken possession of this creek, and have built floating warehouses, forming a block of 20 houses specially de-voted to the oyster business. Two men quarreling for the possession of a

clay pipe in the City Hall Park last evening, drew a large enzy pipe in the Chy in a case was soon on the spot, and was requested by one of the combatants to arrest the other on a charge of attempted larceny. The officer thought that the "pipe" was not "big" enough to warrant that action, and on his result was soundly abused by the much higherd citizen for negligence of duly.

To-day is the anniversary of St. David, the patron saint of Wales, and Welsh citizens will celebrate it in the usual manner. In Wales, the day has been ob

The formal incorporation of the new company to conduct The New-York Ecening Express was filed yesterday in the County Clerk's Office. The papers were signed in January, but not made public. The papers were are Erastus Brooks, James W. Brooks, Augustus Schell, Frederick Smythe, and Samuel March. The name of the new company is the New-York Express company, and its nominal capital \$25,000. It is reported that the new association will take control to-day. Commander G. A. Fuller and eight members

of the Old Guard returned to this city yesterday from wht home with their visit at Charleston, S. C. They bro about 18 inches thick, and which had been given to the visitors by the ladies of Charleston. The party, with their trees and many presents of flowers, were escorted up Broadway by the 9th Regiment band, and to the ar-mory of the Old Guaid, at Fourth-ave, and Seven-teenth-st. them two large paimetto trees, of which the trun-s were On Monday, after Keeper Charles Osborne of

the Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island had left a pris at the Tombs, he saw, in Centre, near Worth-st., William Thompson, who escaped from the Pentientiary on Dec. 3, 1875, having still 17 months to serve. Thompson ian at the eight of the keeper, who, however, overtook and captured him in a few moments, a. d. took him back to the Island. The Commissioners of Charifies and Correction yesterday voted to confer on Keeper Osborne a special mark of approbation. S. Carpenter, General Eastern Passenger

Agent of the Pennsvivania Raiiroad Company, an-nounces that the following reduced rates of passenger are will go into effect on and after to-day : New-York to west Philadelphia and Market Street Wharf, \$2.75; of Germantown Junction, \$2.65; to Kensington, \$2.50. Excursion tickets, good to return on the day succeeding that of issue, will be sold at the rate of \$5 to West Philadelphia and Market Street Wharf, \$4.80 to Germantown Junction, and \$4.50 to Kensington. A large number of jobbers and retail dealers

from States west of the Mississippi River are in this city making purchases for the Western market and negotiat ng with the fast freight agents or the transportation of the goods. The purchases are said by the wholesale houses to be of a very conservative enaracter, and are mostly made with cash, the buyers preferring to take the usual discounts in lieu of credit. Very little speculation marks the character of the articles purchased, and staple goods are finding a more ready saie than mere articles of luxury. Therey. luxury r finery. Commissioner Erhardt yesterday presented

to the Board of Police a report in reference to the cases of the Police Surgeons recently tried before the Board, in which Susgeons Charles H. Wade, Hans Powell, and Stephen G. Cork were fined three days' pay; Surgeons John H. Dorn and George Stewart, two cays' pay, and the cases of Surgeons William H. Ensign and S. R. W. McLeod were dismissed. The report states that surgeons have fallen into a lax performance o "their duties, and warms them that they will be held to a structer accou. tability in the future. When the private practice of the surgeons interfers with the duty that they owe the public, they are warned to abandon it. Stephen G. Cork were fined three days' pay; Surgeons

McQuade's court was thronged yesterday afternoon, the occasion being a match at hand-ball between James Casey of Brooklyn and Bernard McQuade of this

won by Casey in 12 innings, and in the next two games McQuade was victor, winning the match by a total secre of 72 to 54. Afterward Philip Casey, champion of the world, and Martin Mehar played an exhibition game against James Dunn and Bichard Townsend, which resulted in the defeat of the former.

The Centennial fountain, which is to be unvailed in Philadelphia on the next Fourth of July, as the gift of the Catholic temperance societies of New-York, Philadelphia, and other cities toward the Centennial celebration, is to cost over \$40,000, and but little more than ebration, is to cost over \$40,000, and but little more than half that sum has been raised. The numerous temperance organizations in this city have just received an appeal for contributions to the fund, and are making collections for the purpose. Seven medallion heads, sculptured in marble, are to be placed around the circular basin. These statues will be those of Lafayette, Madame Lafayette, Comte de Grasse, of Paris; Count Pulaski and Kosciusko of Poland; Stephen Moylan, aid-decamp to Washington, and Thos. Fitzsimmons, a member of the Continental Congress.

BROOKLYN.

Small-pox caused the death of 615 persons last year and diphtheria 965. Most of these lived in the Sixteenth Ward.

During 1875 one person in every 40 of the population died, a greater mortuary percentage than during any previous year. Judge Dykman said yesterday that he

thought he would render a decision in the Moulton-Beecher demurrer case in about a week. John Hallihan of No. 52 North Second-st. was struck by a truck pole at First-st. and Broadway last evening and received severe injuries about the head.

The Board of Health listened again yesterday to reasons from Hudson-ave, butchers why their slaughter-houses should not be removed. No result was reached.

The premises heretofore occupied as the depot of the South Side Railroad Company at the foot of South Eighth-st. are offered for sale, and the tracks will be torn up to-day. A Centennial ball of the Turn Verein was

held last evening at Turn Hall, in Meserole-st. There was a very large attendance, and the dances were named after the different Presidents of the United States. President Frederick Massey of the Fire De-

partment complains that on account of "red tape" in the Common Council the Board is embarrassed for sup-plies. An Aldermanic Committee will investigate the

Phillip H. Reid will apply to the General Term of the Supreme Court this week for the appointment of Commissioners to designate the exact route of the proposed now steam railroad from Prospect Park to Canarsic.

A motion was made yesterday in the Sueme Court to admit to bail Owen Tully, lately con victed of maybem, pending the decision of the writ of error recently argued in his behalf. The decision was

The Board of City Works yesterday resolved that whenever a street-cleaning contractor shall fail to do his work, the Superintendent of the Street Bureau shall clean the street and charge the work to the de-faulting contractor. A suit was brought yesterday, in the Su-

preme Court, by the executors of the late ex-Mayor Kalbfleisch against certain legatees, to determine whether the legacies are charges upon the residuary real estate of the decedent. The decision is reserved. A photographer having printed many pic-

tures of Oliver Cotter, and distributed them to the r-dealers with the name of "Oliver Spotter" under h. Mr. Cotter declares his intention of prosecuting hotographer and the purchasers. The Special Committee of the Board of Supervisors, which recommended the reduction of the pay

of Dr. Shephard, the County Physician, will recomm to the Supervisors to-day the payment of his orig salary, as he makes all the post mortem examinations Proposals for grading and paving portions of Commercial-st., Union-place, Judd-st., Nassau-ave., and ond-st., were opened yesterday by the Board of Yorks. John Kelley, the lowest bidder, offered to ild the Ninth-st. bridge for \$8,874. No awards were

The Railroad and Law Committees of the Common Council will hold to-day a conference with th owners of the various steam railroads of Long Island, with reference to communication with Brooklyn by means of the proposed steam railroad on Atlantic-ave., east of Platbush-ave.

will be affected by the report of the Supe visors' Committee on the reduction of the pay-roll have signed a protest which refers to the "lack of publi spirit that characterizes the paid public officials," and urges con-siderations in favor of a more discriminating reform and retrenchment policy.

H. B. Williams, who was appointed engineer of the City Hall by the Common Council in place of Timothy Ward, who was previously appointed by the Board of City Works, cannot get his month's pay from the Controller. But the latter yesterday paid Ward the amount, having been informed by Corporation Counsel De Witt that Williams's appointment was unlawful.

Tracy and Catlin, the attorneys for Wm. C. Kingsley and Abner C. Keeney, two of the bondsmen o ex- ity Treasurer Sprague, yesterday served upon Cor poration Counsel De Witt a demurrer in the suit of the city against Sprague's sureties. The ground of the de-murrer is that the complaint does not state facts suffient to constitute a cause of action. The demurrer will argued at the next Special Term of the Supreme Court. The special committee of the Common

council appointed to investigate the affairs of the City Departments, continued its examination of the Board of City Works yesterday. John C. Kelly, who owned a patent water meter, testified that Mr. Rhodes would not permit him to put it in use. Several other witnesses cave testimony regarding the Water Purveyor's efforts to control the putting of water pipes and meters into houses and factories, and reterated statements made by witnesses at previous sessions of the committee.

E. N. Jewell has brought a suit in the Supreme Court against C. N. Lambert and the Craftsmen's. Hope, and New-Jersey Life Insurance Companies, to compel them to set aside the transfer of their assets. compet tuem to set aside the transfer of their assets.

Robert Sewell, attorney for the plaintiff, claimed yesterday that the companies had exceeded their powers. The
Craftsmen's Company, in which the plaintiff was a stockholder in 1872, transferred its assets to the 'Hope Company, which turned them over to the New-Jersey Company. This, it is claimed, was done in violation of law.
Judge Dykman reserved his decision.

JERSEY CITY. John C. Middleton of the Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church has been elected Manager of the Sunday-school Department of the Centennial Exhibition. He was for many years at the head of the Sunday-school Department of the Methodist Episcopal Book Concern.

George Osborne, Warden of the Hudson County Almshouse, was presented yesterday with an address signed by 122 hunates of the institution, thank-ing him for his kindness to them during his term of office. The school children of the Almshonse also presented an address. The paupers were afterward entertained by Mr. Osborne.

Patrick Rowe, Thomas Beatty, Patrick Delehanty, and Terence Brady, longshoremen, were arrested yesterday, an gave bail in \$500 each to answer to a charge of arrectously assaulting Michael Cassidy, a feilow-workman, with cotton hoeks, at the foot of Grand-at., on Washington's birthday. Cassidy is confined to his Col. H. H. Kline, a well-known constable

has been missing since Saturday from his home on the Hights, and it is believed that he has absconded. On Friday last he drew out from the bank \$250 which he had collected in a distrain warrant for B. H. Wallace of New-York. He also drew his own money from the bank and it is known that he had other money in his posses

Dr. Price of the United States Army gave notice to the police last evening that he had been de tailed to remove three insane soldiers from San Fran cisco, and that one of them escaped from the steamer on Monday night. The lumatic who is at large is George McCormicle. He is five feet six inches in high, has a florid face, full red beard, and is dressed in an infantry

An old woman named Kelley, who had drawn a pension from the United States, died a few days ago in Ealfroad-ave, apparently in an impoverished con-dition. Her daughter, who lived in Haverstraw, N.Y., valited the tenemant-house where her mother ded to make some arrangements for the funeral. It was stated that the deceased and \$125 on deposit, and the neighbors at once sent in extortismate bills for service rendered, and also for tobacco, whilely, and suuf furnished.

NEWARK. John E. Price, formerly a prosperous business man and property-owner, was committed to the County Jail for ninety days yesterday for vagrancy.

Matthew and Elizabeth Clark were convicted in Special Sessions yesterday of keeping a d sorderly house, and sentenced to four months in the Penntentiary The workmen's train, which leaves Newark at 6:50 a. m., ran off the track on the Meadows yesterday morning, owing to the displacement of a switch. Several of the passengers had narrow escapes from fatal injuries.

Yesterday morning three men were brought before United States Commissioner Whitehead on a charge of manufacturing and uttering spurious five-cent pieces. They gave the names of Robert Cusick, box pieces. They gave the names of Robert Casica, box-maker, of No. 5 Nasau-st.; Charles Firth, filemaker, of Shefileld-st., and Joseph Sands, printer, of No. 136 Eighth-ave. They were arrested for drunkeuness on Sunda: evening, the complaint being made by a woman named Mary Scully, and a clew to their operations was obtained in the course of an examination before the Police Justice. The coins were badly made, and were generally passed at night. The accused were committed for trial in default of \$2,500 ball.

NEW-JERSEY. HOBOKEN.-Francis Doggett was arrested

yesterday morning charged with beating his wife and attempting to shoot her while he was drunk ... Julius city, best three in five games, for \$250 a side. McQuade Schlutter, Secretary of the Citizens' Independent Assowon the first game in 9 innings. The second game was ciation, was recently appointed to investigate charges

NORTH BERGER.—During a fight among railroad men yesterday. John Curry was thrown down an embank ment, breaking his arm and causing other serious inju-

ries.

PATERSON.—Three hundred and thirty-four persons received assistance from the city on Monday, at an expense of \$373... Ice three to four inches thick, cut at Lake View, was stored yesterday... At a revival meeting in the Division Street Methodist Episcopal Church last night, Charlle Halle, a blind boy, sang several hymns of the Moody and Sankey collection... Mrs. Mary Turner, widow of Joseph Turner, died at her residence at No. 55 West-st. on Sunday, at the advanced age of 99 years. The funeral will take place to-day.

LONG ISLAND.

JAMAICA.-The Town Board passed resolutions requesting their representatives in the Legislature to use their best efforts to prevent the passage of the bill for the erection of the new county of Nassau, and appointed a committee of four citizens to go to Albany and represent the views and wishes of the town in regard to the bill. At a meeting of the Town Auditors of Finshing similar resolutions were passed.

ROCKAWAY.—J. H. Hillier has recently contracted for the building of a commodious hotel and restaurant.

Newrown.—Supervisor Burroughs has paid to the Drerseers of the Poor \$2,161 13, received for figuor icenses up to Jan. 10.

BAY SIDE.—A new grange of the Patrons of Husbandry has been organized, with T. Whitney Powell as Master. STATEN ISLAND.

RICHMOND.-The Board of Supervisors has

made the following appropriations for 1876: Interest on County bonds, \$61,000; bonds past due, \$25,500; State tax, \$54,939 79; Police Department, \$42,850; Poor-house, \$29,500; County abstract, \$17,841 55; sal ary of County Judge, \$3,500; of Surrogate's clerk, \$5,500; of Supervisors clerk, \$600; of County Stenographer, \$250; of constables and Justices of Sessions, \$2,500; of District-Attorney, \$1,500; all asylms, \$2,500; janitor of buildings, \$300; janitor to officers, \$200; compensation to Supervisors, \$800; amount past due for asylms, \$5,984 03; contingencies, \$33,232 27; total, \$274,997 64.

TOTTENVILLE.—A Young Men's Christian Association has been formed as one of the fruits of the revival meetings now being held.

WESTCHESTER .- A little girl in this place recently set fire to her dress and her screams attracted the attention of her mother, who, in smothering the flames, was badly burned about the arms and breast. The lives of both are despaired of.

The Board of Aldermen last evening received a communication from Mayor Traphagen, inclosing As-

LECTURES AND MEETINGS.

The Hon. Hooper C. Van Vorst lectured last evening before a crowded audience of street boys at the Eleventh Ward Boys' Lodging-house at No. 709 East Eleventh-st. His topic was "How to Succeed."

aggregating \$5,166, and the salaries of the Ward's Island and Castle Garden employes to the amount of \$4,824 51, At the meeting of the Board of Police yester-

A dramatic entertainment was given last vening at the Union League Club Theater, in aid of the

tive Union, the German Saloon Keepers', and the Liquor tive Union, the German Saloon Keepers', and the Liquor and Beer Dealers' Associations, the Associated Liquor Dealers, and the Brooklyn Liquor Dealers' Association held a conference yesterday afternoon at the Germania Assembly Rooms and organized a central organization to protect the trade, and especially to unite in procuring a new Excac law. Martin Nachtmann opened the meeting. Permanent officers were elected as follows: President, H. Cunningham; Vice-Presidents, Martin Nachtmann, C. Karney, P. Kelley, N. Moore, and J. Collier. A committee was appointed to draft a bill for a new Excise law and introduce it into the Legislature.

A large meeting of plasterers was field at Glass Hall 'ast evening. The Committee appointed at the last meeting submitted the Constitution and By-laws, which were adopted. The main points are that plasterers shall only perform day's labor, and not work on contract; that if an employer withholds the waxes of a Union workman, all the Union men in his employ at the time shall strike, and refuse to work until their companion be paid; that no plasterer, unless he is a member, shall receive any assistance from the Union; and that no strike shall be ordered except on the vote of two-thirds of the members of the association. A chause appropriating money to defray the burnal expenses of a decased member was laid over until the next meeting. About 40 new members were added.

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HUDSON RIVER COUNTIES.

a communication from Mayor Trapages, inclosing Assemblyman Brown's bill providing for a public park, and called the attention of the Board to the subject. The proposed park will include 60 acros of the sail meadows in the vicinity of Mill Creek, and the ground will be made solid by filling in with ashes and garbage. Action on the matter was postponed.

At the meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration yesterday, bills for supplies for the menth

At the inecting of the board of Ponce year-day Patrolman Thomas H. Potts was dismissed from the force for being absent from his post. He was found asleep in a bakery. The following were appointed patrol-men: James McQuade, William Byrne, Charies S. Col-ton, and John McDermott. It was represented, in a com-numication from the Board of Health, that Sixty-third-st, between Second and Third-aves., was in a flithy con-dition.

evening at the Union League Club Theater, in aid of the widows and orphans of the firemen killed at the Broadway fire. The theater was crowded to the doors and the receipts from the entertainment will be very large. Three plays were presented under the management of J. H Alliger. The casts of characters included R. Hilliard, F. R. Smith, Robert Hyslop, Max Rader, Mrs. J. Caidwell, Mrs. Susan Fox, Miss Julia Griffin, Mrs. Sara Spence, and Miss Alice Woodhuil. Delegates from the Liquor Dealers' Protec-

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